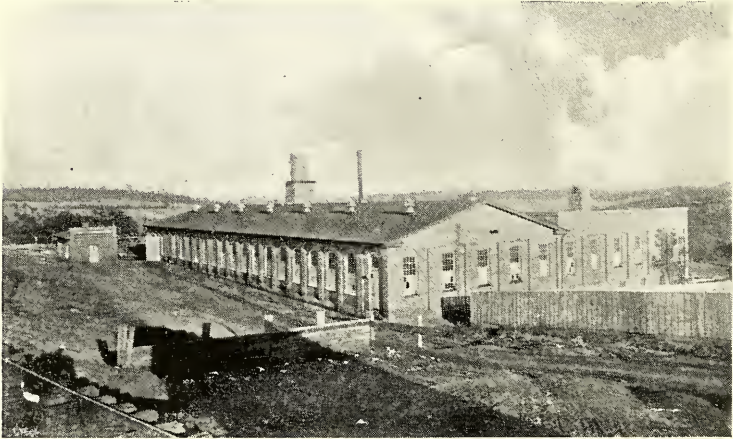


Barth. Soulier, a scholarly Christian gentleman, who is entirely devoted to the interests of his people. Outside of these interesting, law abiding, industrious people there are not one hundred foreigners in the county.

The "natives" are, as a rule, brave, hospitable and law-abiding, and, being the descendants of men who rebelled against the oppressor "on the other side of the pond," and who gave up home and country rather than yield their principles, they are the last people on earth to tolerate any interference with civil or religious liberty. They ask no questions of the stranger, contenting themselves if he observe those fundamental precepts which the old law writers declared contained "all the law and the prophets"—to live honestly, hurt nobody, and render unto every man his due.



ALPINE COTTON MILLS, MORGANTON, N. C.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

The abundance of waterpower, the proximity to the cotton fields and the healthfulness of the climate contribute to make Burke County an inviting field for the manufacturer of cotton goods. The great forests of pine oak and various valuable hard woods offer inducements to the manufacturer of furniture and wood pulp paper and of an infinite variety of articles made of wood. The location here of a great tannery, with a